Port Management Training Institutes in India

1654. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate training facilities are not available in the country to provide training in the functional areas like marine operation, inland water transport and management services to the port employees/personnel in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken to set up additional Port Management Training Institutes in the country;

(c) whether any such Institute is proposed to be set up at Paradip in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The National Institute of Port Management at Madras provides training to port managerial personnel at middle and senior levels and the Indian Institute of Port Management at Calcutta imparts training in functional areas like marine operations, personnel and managerial management, inland water transport and management sciences etc. to the managers of the major ports. It also provides training to port personnel in collaboration with the port level training institute at the ports.

(c) and (d) No such institute is proposed to be set up at Paradip in Orissa.

Indo-China talks to solve disputes

1655. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently taken steps to establish better Sino-Indian ties;

(b) if not, whether any official level talks are proposed to be held in the near future to discuss the bilateral problems and also to establish better ties between both the countries; and

(c) if so, the date fixed therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government are making sincere efforts for the strengthening of the political-level dialogue with China, and to promote India-China cooperation in various fields of mutual interest. The need for a fair and reasonable settlement of the boundary question is realised. The next meeting of the Joint Working Group on the boundary question will take place in New Delhi on August 30 and 31, 1990. This will be followed by Foreign Office Consultations on various issues of mutual concern.

Chakma tribes in Tripura

1656. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of Chakma tribes living in Tripura;

(b) whether Government are making negotiations with Bangladesh Government so as to send them back to their motherland; and

(c) if so, the success achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) As on 4-8-1990 56021 tribal refugees (including 44650 Chakmas) from Bangladesh were accommodated in camps in Tripura.

(b) and (c) The Government of India have impressed upon the Bangladesh Government on many occasions including the occasion of the External Affairs Minister's visit to Bangladesh sometimes back to do every thing possible to persuade the refugees to return.